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REMARKS

1. On 13 May 1953, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik in Luckenwalde was occupied by about 500 troops with red-bordered black epaulets. On several days between 2 and 13 May, soldiers were engaged in close-order drill in the yard of the installation. On 6 May, about 200 soldiers left the billeting area toward the rifle ranges. Vehicles were observed at the installation. <sup>1</sup>
2. On 13 May, Stalag I was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. Between 2 and 13 May, soldiers did maintenance work on 16 trucks and 3 rocket launchers. No practicing with rocket launchers was observed during the period of observation. Vehicles observed at the installation.
3. On 13 May, Stalag II was occupied by about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. On 4 and 5 May, about 250 EM drilled in the billeting area. On 5 May, officers were observed instructing soldiers on two rocket launchers. No field exercises were seen off the installation.
4. On 13 May, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik was occupied by about 500 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. At about 11:30 a.m. on 9 May, about 150 soldiers marched from the installation to the Soviet war memorial where a short commemoration was held by an officer, and returned to their quarters. Training was observed only on 10 May; about 40 EM practiced carbine firing with live ammunition at the installation area. <sup>1</sup>
5. On 13 May, Stalag I was occupied by 400 to 500 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. On 5 May, about 60 EM were engaged in athletics at the installation. On 7 May, about 50 EM practiced rifle firing with live ammunition at the gravel-pits. <sup>2</sup>
6. On 13 May, Stalag II was occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. At about 9:15 a.m. on 7 May, about 160 soldiers left the installation toward the woods south of Stalag II. On 9 May, about 60 soldiers were engaged in athletics. On 11 May, about 40 soldiers practiced hand grenade throwing. <sup>2</sup>

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7. On 15 May, Stalag I and Stalag II were occupied by about 1,500 troops with red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] Stalag was called "Zirona" (phonetic spelling) by the Soviets. Between 11 and 15 May, two canvas-covered rocket launchers of 132 mm were observed at the western section of Stalag I. On 13 May, 60 to 70 soldiers coming from the training area south of the installation entered Stalag II. The fuel and ammunition dumps northwest of the installation were made use of. About 13 trucks and 2 x 132-mm rocket launchers were observed at the dumps. Vehicles observed at the billeting area [redacted]

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8. On 15 May, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik was occupied to capacity by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery and tank insignia. [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. The observations indicate no changes in the occupation of the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik. [redacted]
2. [redacted] Comment. The present reports [redacted] confirm the 91st Gds RL Regt of the Third Gds Mecz Army at Stalag I and Stalag II until mid-May 1953. [redacted]

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